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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, please consider the  
following preliminary amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 23-35

Add new claims:

- 1 -- 36. An apparatus for delivering thermal energy through an exterior skin surface to  
2 an underlying tissue site including loculations of fat with fibrous septae made of collagen  
3 tissue, comprising:  
4 to create a desired contour effect without substantially modifying melanocytes in the  
5 epidermis, comprising:  
6 thermal delivery means including an interface surface configured to conform to the